

Invitation

You are cordially invited to the opening reception of local artist

*Nancie Crowley
December 11, 2005
2 PM - 4 PM*

At

*The Los Altos Hills Town Hall
Light Refreshments*

Town Hall Art Show



Brief Bio-Sketch

With her husband Jerry, she has lived in Los Altos Hills for 33 years where Nancie maintains her studio.

Because she was born and raised in Southern California, Nancie attributes her palette of intense colors to that region. When working in oils or in opaque gauche watercolors her pigments stay close to the sun. Whether depicting the human figures, animal forms, still life or landscape images her work focuses on the visual excitement of close color values as well as those that contrast dramatically.

Local Children Help Hurricane Refugees

The children of Los Altos Hills have opened their arms - and their piggy banks - to help victims of this fall's hurricanes.

Covington School "adopted" the town of Covington, Louisiana. After an impromptu bake sale raised \$255 (in quarters), the school turned the planned penny drive into an intramural contest, to see which classroom could raise the most money. They raised over \$3,500.

Nixon School used the hurricane to teach friendship and caring. Children bought school supplies, and Scout troops assembled over 100 backpacks for St. Tammany Parish in New Orleans, the "sister school district" for Palo Alto schools. Nixon children also raised \$300 selling drinks and unneeded belongings at a community-wide New Orleans-style carnival and garage sale.

Children at Bullis Charter School also packed up school supplies and sent them to Holy Cross School, a 150-year-old institution in the devastated 9th Ward of New Orleans.

A penny drive at Loyola School netted over \$1,900. In a remarkable example of concern for those less fortunate, eight Loyola third graders, including young Hills residents Alex Haggart and Megan Nevasky, gave up their birthday presents and asked guests to contribute to a hurricane relief fund instead. They raised over \$720. "What incredible role models these students are!" wrote Principal Linda Echols.

—Katie Roper, Covington PTA
Public Relations



Celebrating Our Past, Creating Our Future



Historical Society Event

**"An 1850s Gold Country Christmas" is December 4th
Historical Society Topic**

With words and music, historian Gage McKinney will tell what a Gold Country Christmas was like 150 years ago. His emphasis will be on Cornish miners and the carols they sang in Western mining camps, especially Grass Valley.

The Cornish tradition of singing in mines was ancient. Their carols reminded them of the homes left behind, and were sung in part to help accommodate them to the frontier. Later, their carols spread to other groups. The last Grass Valley mine closed in 1956, but The Grass Valley Cornish Carol Choir maintains the carol-singing tradition, with many appearances each season.

A discussion and refreshment period will follow the presentation at Town Hall, Sunday Dec 4, 3-5 pm. You are invited to attend and participate.

